

internationally esteemed German-American chemist, inventor, and innovator who immigrated to the U.S. from Nazi Germany in 1936. Throughout his career, Dr. Gruen has been driven by his curiosity and commitment to science—allowing him to make critical contributions to nuclear fission and fusion, solar energy, energy storage, and conservation. Specifically, Dr. Gruen has made several key technological advancements such as the nuclear submarine reactor cooling design and purification of uranium used to end World War II in the Pacific theater.

Through this work and countless other selfless endeavors, Dr. Gruen has been recognized by the international scientific community with numerous awards—including from Argonne National Laboratory, Northwestern University, and the Patent Law Association of Chicago—for his pioneering research in chemistry, physics, along with the emerging fields of materials and nanoscience. Dr. Gruen has been granted over 60 U.S. patents for his work in alternative energy and discoveries in interdisciplinary subjects. His lifelong contribution to science and alternative energy technology is exemplary and his work continues through today. Dr. Gruen's tireless efforts to solve future clean energy challenges presented by climate change is seldom exhibited by an individual. Humble and unpretentious, Dr. Gruen has and remains the embodiment of a dedicated American and pure scientist.

Dr. Gruen's story is the story of many immigrant Americans: those who left behind places of persecution, discrimination, and lack of opportunity for a brighter future. Those who arrived on our shores and helped build our nation through their hard-work, courageous spirit, unyielding dedication, and personal sacrifice. His courage and tenacity is an inspiration for us all.

Through the years, I have had the great pleasure of sitting down with Dr. Gruen, and learned from his countless stories about his work on the Manhattan Project, the nuts and bolts of nuclear fission technology, and his unique journey to the United States. At 99, Dr. Gruen still sees the world as a place of vast opportunities for technological innovation, a quality that I know encourages my own optimism to tackle issues facing our society.

For the reasons mentioned here and many more, I sincerely believe that Dr. Dieter Gruen should be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his lifelong contributions to science and technology that continue today. Dr. Gruen's tireless efforts to solve future energy challenges is seldom exhibited by an individual. Humble and unpretentious, Dr. Gruen has and remains the embodiment of a dedicated American and pure scientist.

In April 2021, my colleagues Representatives BILL FOSTER, FRENCH HILL, JERRY MCNERNEY, and CHERI BUSTOS joined me in supporting Dr. Gruen's nomination for the highest civilian award in this country. Dr. Gruen has dedicated his life to science and made monumental contributions to shaping the United States as a leader and world power in technology, innovation, and national defense.

Congratulations to Dr. Gruen for his decades of accomplishments and exceptional contributions to science and the national security interests of the United States. I cannot think of a more deserving citizen for this award and today I wish him the happiest of birthdays.

RECOGNIZING MONGOLIA

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I rise to highlight the importance of the strategic relationship between the United States and Mongolia.

Though geographically surrounded by two countries, Russia to the north and China to the south, I am told that Mongolia recognizes the United States as its “third neighbor”—a key partnership forged through diplomatic, military, cultural, and economic relationships that provide immense value to both nations.

As the United States continually adapts, analyzes, and innovates to stay ahead of challenges from global competitors like China and Russia, maintaining and strengthening relationships with regional allies like Mongolia is critical. Since establishing formal diplomatic relations in 1987, and the country's peaceful democratic revolution in 1990, the United States and Mongolia have partnered to expand political and financial cooperation and to advance market-based reforms to stabilize and grow economic opportunities for Mongolian citizens.

The U.S. State Department's 2021 Investment Climate Statement on Mongolia highlighted the importance of direct foreign investment, especially from western companies and institutions, as pivotal for the growth and stability of the Mongolian economy. Mongolia is making efforts to bolster investor confidence by reiterating its commitment to implementing the U.S.-Mongolia Agreement on Transparency in Matters Related to International Trade and Investment. This agreement provides greater regulatory certainty and transparency for domestic and foreign investors by requiring a public-comment period before new regulations become final.

The State Department's report highlights areas of success where investments have outperformed expectations, particularly in retail and service sectors of the economy. The report also identifies sectors where greater certainty is needed to ensure continued economic growth, including the mining and natural resources industries.

To quote from the report:

“The Oyu Tolgoi copper and gold mine has resurfaced as a bellwether of Mongolia's investment climate. Upon reaching full production, the mine may produce as much as 25 percent of Mongolia's GDP. Resolving an ongoing investment dispute related to the mine between the government and multi-national shareholders is seen by many investors as essential to improving Mongolia's investment climate image internationally.” (2021 Investment Climate Statements: Mongolia, 2021)

A stable and robust Mongolian economy is central not only to the country's democratic, cultural, and financial independence, but it is also a clear strategic asset to the United States. I commend the Mongolian government for the steps it has taken to welcome and incentivize investment into its economy and encourage the government to continue to make progress on the institutional and legal measures that are needed to secure existing capital and encourage further investments into local jobs, businesses, and economic opportu-

nities for the Mongolian people. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I am honored to recognize the important relationship between the United States and Mongolia.

HONORING ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON, IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Antibiotic Awareness Week as we work to combat a looming public health and national security crisis that may one day be our next pandemic if left unaddressed: antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Applying the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic by investing in pandemic preparedness now will save lives later. That is why I am spearheading bipartisan, bicameral legislation, the Pioneering Antimicrobial Subscriptions to End Upsurging Resistance Act, also known as the PASTEUR Act.

Through a partnership between the federal government and industry, this bill encourages innovative drug development to target the most threatening infections, improves the appropriate use of antibiotics, and ensures domestic availability when needed.

Madam Speaker, as we tackle this next medical frontier, we must bring together the unique capabilities and resources of the public and private sectors to solve the market failures impeding the development of new lines of antibiotics.

The PASTEUR Act accomplishes this, and I'm encouraged our legislation is included in a groundbreaking package introduced this week—Cures 2.0 that builds on the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016—taking another important step toward addressing antimicrobial resistance.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF JAMES MERIMON PAINTER

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of James Merimon Painter, who passed away in Prospect Hill, North Carolina on October 23, 2021.

James Painter spent his entire life advocating for and serving the community he loved. From helping his parents on their farm during the Great Depression, to advising the Caswell Vocational Commission Services and the Caswell Civic Center Committees, Painter was one who truly put his community before himself.

James took his knowledge of farming with him to the United States Navy where he was selected to lead a farming unit on the Mariana Island of Tinian to feed American GIs in the Pacific. While serving, he sustained serious injuries from sniper fire; and on a separate occasion, his tractor ran over a land-mine. Following the incident, Mr. Painter jokingly said, “that was a waste of a perfectly good tractor.”

After the war, James returned to his cattle farm and got married to his wife of 55 years—Ms. Josephine “Jo” Murchison. While predominantly raising beef cattle and grain, he served his community as the President of the Caswell County Farm Bureau, a position he proudly held for 17 years. Additionally, he was a member of the NC Farm Bureau Federation Board for 23 years. He won several different agriculture awards over the years—most notably being named “Cattleman of the Year” in 1975—while his family received the Soil and Water Conservation Farm Family award of 1979.

In describing Mr. Painter’s life, Caswell County Farm Bureau colleague Lucas Bernard wrote that, “James Painter will be remembered for his service to his community, Caswell County agriculture, and his nation. He has been an inspiration to me by seeing and hearing about his dedication to farming and agriculture locally, as well as overseas during WWII.”

James Painter was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine, and is survived by his nieces and nephews. The Caswell County community has lost a great soul, advocate, and gentleman with Mr. Painter’s passing. May he forever rest in peace.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring James Merimon Painter for his service to his community and his sacrifice for this Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF HOLODOMOR

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the annual commemoration of Holodomor, the Genocidal Famine inflicted upon the people of Ukraine by the Soviet Union in 1932 and 1933.

In the early 1930s, the Soviet Union engineered a famine to ensure the Ukrainian people could not resist Joseph Stalin’s totalitarian policies. This famine, known and remembered as Holodomor, led to the deaths of at least 3.9 million people, or 13 percent of the population of Ukraine at the time. Some estimates of the number of those who died are much higher. “Holodomor” is a combination of the Ukrainian words “hunger” and “to inflict death”, a fitting name for the tragedy that occurred.

While Soviet bureaucrats suppressed the facts of Holodomor at the time, including instructing Western journalists not to write about it, it is widely acknowledged as a genocide today. In fact, in 2018, the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate each unanimously passed resolutions citing previous declarations of Holodomor as a genocide committed by Joseph Stalin and those around him. The vibrant Ukrainian-American community in Michigan’s Ninth District comes together each year in solemn commemoration of the millions of innocent lives taken and to ensure that this horrific event is never forgotten.

As a member of the Ukrainian Caucus, I am honored to stand with Ukrainian-Americans in my district and throughout our country in witness of Holodomor. I encourage my colleagues to join me in reflection and remembrance and recommit ourselves to preventing genocide anywhere on Earth in the future.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS J. GARI

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a notable resident within my district, Thomas J. Gari. Mr. Gari obtained a bachelor’s degree in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering from my alma mater, the Pennsylvania State University in 1970, and later went on to achieve a master’s degree in Business Administration from Villanova University in 1986. Following his education, Tom left his private sector career to join the Internal Revenue Service in 1999. In every stage of his career, Tom always worked to support and empower others, leveraging his extensive experience to identify complex case issues, find viable solutions, and produce consistent, quality results. In his final years at the IRS, Tom served as Engineering Team Manager, in which he managed all operational aspects executed by his team. Now, after more than twenty-two impressive years of dedicated government service and professional leadership, Tom is entering retirement. I am proud to recognize Thomas J. Gari as an exceptional man of character, guided by a sense to better his community and country. He has demonstrated an extraordinary ability to overcome complex challenges throughout the years as well as a steadfast dedication to supporting his colleagues. We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact that Tom has had on our community, and we wish him well in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF MARION EUGENE SEALY, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful to recognize Police Chief Marion Eugene Sealy, Jr., of the City of Forest Acres for his 48 years of public service to his community. Chief Sealy will be retiring at the beginning of next year and South Carolina will be losing a great public servant.

Chief Sealy joined the Forest Acres Police Department in 1974 as a dispatcher. In 1975, he became a full-time patrol officer and shortly after was put in charge of the investigative division. Through his hard work and dedication, he became the Chief of Police of the Forest Acres Police Department in 1994.

Throughout his career in public service, Chief Sealy led the department through many hardships including the tragic death of Officer Greg Alia. He has been so encouraging to his widow Kassy Alia Ray and their son Sal as Kassy has established Serve and Connect to improve neighborhoods challenged by poverty and crime.

Through his leadership, he was able to successfully relocate the police department during the devastating 2015 thousand-year flood to ensure the community of Forest Acres had access to its police department. Working overnight with his colleagues to set up operations, he dedicated himself to the safety of his officers and staff. He has set the standard of ex-

cellence in his community and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. JANIS SANTOS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to my good friend Janis Santos on her retirement following 40 years of dedicated public service to the children and families of western Massachusetts.

A pioneer in the field of early education and childhood development, Janis most recently served as CEO of Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start. Through her efforts to expand Head Start’s programs across the Commonwealth, Janis has played a prominent role in improving the lives of more than 1,000 young children. Her diligence in directing the only migrant, seasonal Head Start program in Massachusetts only further demonstrates her exceptional commitment to helping the most vulnerable families in our communities.

In 1973, Janis began her lifelong advocacy and action on behalf of children and families by launching one of the first early-childhood centers in Ludlow, Massachusetts. Just six years later, in recognition of her cutting-edge approach to the field, Janis was taken on as Executive Director of Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start. During her expansive and impressive career, Janis has served as Chair of the Massachusetts Head Start Directors Association, the New England Head Start Association, as well as a member of the National Advisory Panel for the Head Start 2010 Project here in our nation’s capital. While her myriad of leadership roles is most impressive, what I most admire about Janis is the tireless dedication she has demonstrated throughout her 40-year career to providing our youth the resources they need to succeed in the future.

Madam Speaker, in light of Janis Santos’ many achievements and remarkable contributions to the early education of the children of western Massachusetts, as well as her role in shaping conversations on early education throughout the nation, I would like to thank Janis for her steadfast service, and offer my personal best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF CONGRESSMAN LARRY HOPKINS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of my good friend and long-time colleague in this House chamber, the gentleman from Kentucky, Larry Hopkins, who represented the people of central Kentucky for 14 years from 1979 to 1993.

Congressman Hopkins served with great charisma and humor, befriending folks in every corner of Kentucky and across Capitol Hill. Public service was second nature to